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Aviation fire rescue training hots up in Melbourne

Airservices will be conducting, for the first time today, aviation rescue and fire fighting training at its new hot fire training ground at Melbourne Airport.

The Learning Academy Hot Fire Training Ground (LAHFTG) is the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere and will see recruits train on the centrepiece of the new training ground, a full-sized mock-up aircraft fuselage replicating sections from the Airbus A380 and Boeing 767.

Airservices spokesperson Rob Walker said the new facility has in place stringent environmental control systems in order to minimise the impact of the training activity on the surrounding environment and reduce the amount of smoke.

“Melbourne Airport users and the public should not be concerned if they do see smoke during the training.

“Our fire fighters are there to protect the public in the unlikely event things go wrong at major airports. They respond to a host of different incidents every day ranging from medical emergencies to fire alarms and aircraft emergencies,” Mr Walker said.

The training will involve 24 trainee fire fighters being put through a series of scenarios to hone their skills in the specialist field of aviation fire fighting and rescue procedures.

This training will allow Airservices to deliver practical components of a nationally recognised and accredited qualification and ensure our fire fighters are able to deal with the latest and most complex airframes.

Airservices provides ARFF services at 21 of Australia’s busiest airports and is one of the world’s largest providers of aviation rescue and fire fighting services with more than 740 operational and support personnel.

On average, Airservices fire fighters are called out around 150 times a week across Australia’s regional, domestic and international airports.

Training exercises will take place between 8:30am and 4pm most days within the fire training ground located on Operations Road at Tullamarine.

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